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# Directors Corner



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The four people on the cover are representative of the 77 million Americans who fall into the "baby boomer" category. To be a boomer, you must

have been born between 1946 and 1963. This significant group of people began turning 60 this January at a rate of one every seven seconds.

They are demographically interesting for a wide variety of reasons. They were born after the two "big wars." They did not experience the Great Depression. They were generally well-fed children in the "Donna Reed and June and Ward Cleaver" fifties. They witnessed the assassinations of John Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr. and Bobby Kennedy. In 1963 and the civil rights strife that covered two decades. Some were flower children and some went to Vietnam. Whether a soldier, supporter or protester, that experience colored attitudes about patriotism and government in many lives.

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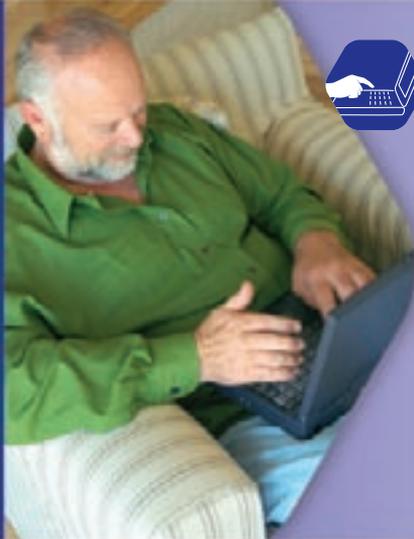


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As the area's largest and longest running information and product show designed for older adults and their families, more than 2,300 people are expected to attend the indoor event. There will be more than 100 booths from businesses and organizations with information, products or services to older adults with active lifestyles. All this in a fun, trade show atmosphere.

"It's a great event not only to help LAAA provide awareness of the wide variety of services we offer, but also the attendees to learn about the available services, products and options. LAAA is about empowering older adults so they can make more informed decisions about their lifestyles. "It's a perfect fit for us," said Bob Esquivel, LAAA Coordinator of Volunteer Programs and the

event's coordinator.

One of the big features this year will be Senior Technology Fair sponsored by Time Warner Cable. This portion puts a spotlight on technology designed to help people improve their leisure, health and financial lives.

"We're very excited about this feature of the Festival," Esquivel said. "There will be a whole wall of technology to learn about and contrary to popular belief, today's Older Adults aren't afraid to learn about new things."

Other features at the FREE event include: "The Universal design for Better Living" an

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# Technology Fair part of festival

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This event, with no cost to attendees, is even accessible if transportation is a problem. StarTRAN and LAAA are offering a transportation shuttle throughout the day to the Abbott Sports Complex from Westfield Shoppingtown Gateway. A free Senior Citizen Wristband gives access to a free ride on the shuttle provided by StarTRAN. For more information about receiving your wristband, call StarTRAN at 476-1234.

Some ActivAge centers also will be running shuttles to the festival. Check with your neighborhood Center for details.

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# Lincoln Area Agency on Aging

## MISSION

The Lincoln Area Agency on Aging is the principal Agency which plans, coordinates and advocates for older people in our eight county area. Our mission is to enhance daily living, expand personal choices, and educate the community in an effort to ensure the independence and full life of the people we serve.

## FIRST SERVICE

### Information and Referral

LIFE provides help for individual older persons and their caregivers to resolve questions, and concerns, occurring with aging. Services include referrals, counseling, social work, and care management. First Services is the starting point in determining alternatives, and arranging services for individuals and their families in the LAAA eight county service area. Call (402) 441-7070 or (800) 247-0938

## SENIORS FOUNDATION

Charitable foundation focused on enhancing and enriching the quality of life and independence of all older adults in Lincoln and Lancaster County. 441-6179 [www.seniorsfoundation.org](http://www.seniorsfoundation.org)

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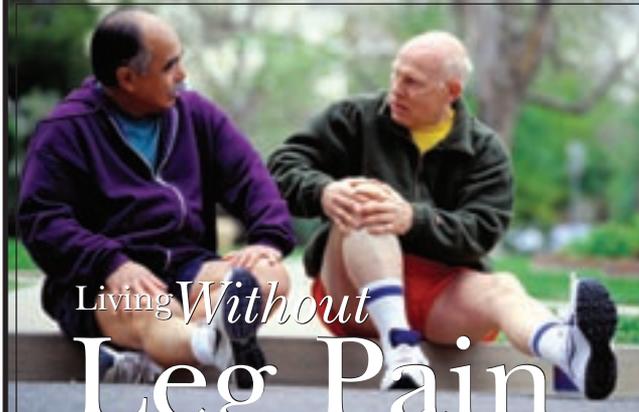

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- Consult with your medical provider(s).

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Together, you and your doctor, pharmacist, or other medical provider will be able to determine the best drug for you—at the best price. If you would like written information on the classes of drugs reviewed on the website, write Devorah Lanner, AARP Nebraska at 301 S. 13th St., Suite 201, Lincoln, NE 68508 or send e-mail to [dlanner@aarp.org](mailto:dlanner@aarp.org).

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Artist rendering of new facility at 33rd Street & Yankee Hill Road

# TRIAD: Source for protection

Ellie Campbell, TRIAD volunteer, spent years working with law enforcement in Colorado. With her knowledge of the criminal mind, she serves as a volunteer to educate elderly people about scams, frauds and schemes which can come to them via the phone, mail, Internet or a knock on their door.

Campbell wants to do her part to make sure people don't fall into the growing category of those who have suffered from identity theft or suffered other forms of abuse such as financial or emotional or even physical. Often times, people don't realize they are being victimized, she said.

TRIAD, as part of RSVP— a program of the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging and group representatives are from the Lancaster County Sheriff's office, Adult Protective Services, Lincoln Police Department, Nebraska Attorney General's office and the Better Business Bureau.

They seek to reduce criminal victimization of older adults, promote safety and enhance law enforcement services to the people in Lancaster counties.

“  
**We want people to be aware  
of the potential for frauds  
and identity theft.**

— Ellie Campbell  
TRIAD volunteer

”  
“I have experience in law enforcement and felt like this was a good way for me to help others with my knowledge,” Campbell said. “We want people to be aware of the potential for frauds and identity theft.”

TRIAD volunteers like Campbell take their knowledge and share it with others through speeches to groups interested in learning more about how to prevent against becoming a victim and identifying abuse.

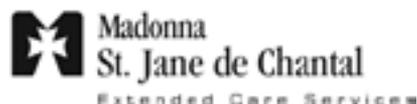
If interested in volunteering or wanting to know more about TRIAD or to schedule a speaker, call Lily Hans at (402) 441-6103.



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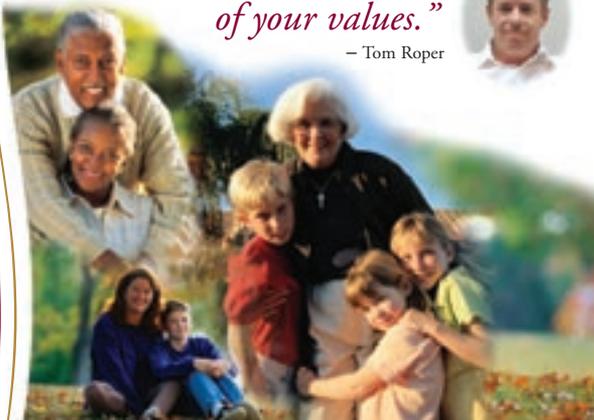
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# Retirement looks diff

Even though we know it's coming, we are still surprised. Dennis Buckley's ah-ha moment came in the mail: a message from AARP offering congratulations on his significant birthday and encouraging membership.

Buckley, editor of the Saturday newspaper insert Neighborhood Extra, State Senator Jeanne Combs, Karen Kuhn, director of marketing for the Lincoln Children's Museum and Jim Gordon, Lincoln attorney, shared their thoughts about growing older for a special edition of the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging's 5-City TV program, Live and Learn.

Representing the Boomer generation, these four individuals fall into the category of people born during and after the end of World War II. There's been a great deal of media hoopla about this group, the first of whom are turning 60 at a rate of one every seven seconds. There is interest in how this large group of people will be different than their parents and grandparents.

Demographers are now dividing the Boomer generation into two more discrete groups. The "leading

edge boomers" are those who were born between 1942 and 1953. This group is now age 52 to 63 and comprises 16% of the U.S. population. The second group has been identified as "generation Jones." These are age 40 to 51 and represent an even larger percentage of the U.S. population at 26%. Some researchers have even gone as far as identifying characteristics, generalizing the boomers as more liberal in their

views and generation Jones as more conservative.

Because the U.S. standard of living is high, most have been well fed from infancy and have had the benefits of modern medicine as well as a healthier lifestyle, aging experts have suggested that age 70 is the new 50.

People are living longer and being identified as a "senior citizen" is less appealing than when the phrase was first coined. A number of alternatives have been suggested including "seasoned citizens," "living the third half of my life," and "prime time."

June Pederson, Director of the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging, interviewed Combs, Buckley, Kuhn and Gordon on the set of Live and Learn (airing in April) and asked each about their expectations and plans as they grow older.

Jeanne Combs, who is finishing a four-year term as the state senator representing Fillmore, Jefferson, Saline and Thayer counties which comprise District 32 feels like she's just getting a good start on everything she wants to do. Combs is a registered nurse who works at Farmland Industries in Crete when the Legislature is not in session. She's worked in a variety of nursing settings before Farmland and her decision to run for elected office.

Slowing down isn't in her vocabulary. She recently rode in a sea plane and has skydiving and scuba diving on her have-to-do list. Her elected position as a member of the Nebraska Unicameral brings great satisfaction. She works diligently to represent the views of her district and developed a significant cadre of constituents who provide opinions and recommendations about legislative issues. Although she expects to do many other things, she doesn't see herself in a traditional retirement setting at any point in her life.

Dennis Buckley feels the same. He enjoys his



Karen Kuhn, Lincoln Children's Museum

Jeanne Combs of Milligan works as a registered nurse and State Senator for District 32.



# erent to Boomers



m director of marketing, says she can't envision what retirement would be like.

work and hopes to continue for a long time. "It's not how old you are," he says, "it's how old you feel." Eventually he sees the possibility of a shortened work week leaving more time for things he wants to do more of and includes volunteer activities in that category.

Karen Kuhn thinks age is only a number and that it is more important to concentrate on making the most of every day we have. "You have to love what you are doing and do your best to be joyful for yourself and others." Working at the Children's Museum is great fun and she too, indicates that traditional retirement isn't in her future. Kuhn stressed that volunteering has a positive impact for her both professionally as well as personally.

Lincoln lawyer Jim Gordon is known for his legal skills as well as his community involvement. He sees a time in the future where he may spend less time working as a lawyer and committing more time to volunteer activities but does not expect to quit working altogether.

Gordon's mother, Sally, was featured on the inaugural cover of Living Well Magazine (October 2005). At age 96, she still walks to work at the State

Capitol where she is a Sergeant at Arms for the Nebraska Unicameral. "Your mother sets the bar pretty high," Pederson told Gordon during their interview.

Gordon is setting a similar example for 24-year-old daughter Shannon. She says that as her father approaches 60, "he taught me to be my best self. You can't please everyone, but it's important to be happy with yourself."

All those interviewed spoke about their hope for continued good health and expressed concern for older adults who experienced health or financial problems. The issues of saving and planning for a longer retirement period are also reasons to continue to work.

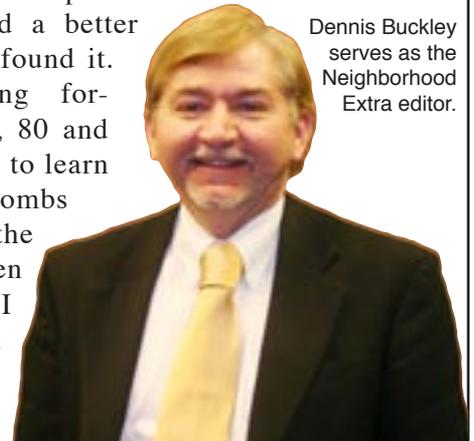
Each person interviewed spoke about the future positively and viewed the future as a transition process. Continuing to work, to contribute to their community and having the opportunity for new experiences were common themes.

Buckley is looking forward to developing relationships with future grandchildren in the way his children's grandparents were part of their lives. His Boy Scout training came to the front when he said he hoped "to leave the world a better place than you found it."

"I'm looking forward to 60, 70, 80 and 90 as I continue to learn new things," Combs said. "I love the challenge. When a door opens, I walk through it."



Jim Gordon



Dennis Buckley serves as the Neighborhood Extra editor.

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# ActiAge Events



## REDUCED TICKET PRICES

Call (402) 441-7158  
for reservations or information.

- Lied Center for Performing Arts
    - **April 4**, 7:30 p.m.  
Van Cliburn Competition  
Gold Medalist
    - **April 11**, 7:30 p.m.  
The Rumi Concert:  
“Where Everything is Music”
    - **April 25**, 7:30 p.m.  
Mark O’Connor’s Appalachia  
Waltz Trio
    - **May 1**, 7 p.m.  
Family: Maria Del Ray, Great  
Plains Room, East Campus Union  
(any age)
    - **May 4**, 7 p.m.  
Family: Maria Del Ray  
(free party before show!) (any age)
    - **May 20**  
Lincoln Continentals  
Spring Concert
  - Lincoln Community Playhouse
    - **April 6**, 7:30 p.m.  
“The Mouse Trap”
    - **April 9**, 2 p.m.  
“The Mouse Trap”
    - **May 7**, 2 p.m.  
“Winnie-the-Pooh”
    - **June 29**, 7:30 p.m.  
“A Chorus Line”
    - **July 2**, 2 p.m.  
“A Chorus Line”
- Saltdogs Baseball  
Meadowlark Music Festival  
UNL Theatre

## ASSISTANCE EVENTS

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information and reservations.**



- **Mondays**, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Downtown ActiAge Center,  
1005 “O” Street and  
Savannah Pines  
3900 Pine Lake Road  
and  
Lincoln Action Program  
210 “O” Street
- **Tuesdays**, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
The Legacy,  
56th & Pioneer Boulevard
- **Wednesdays**,  
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
The Legacy Terrace,  
5700 Fremont
- **Thursdays**,  
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Downtown ActiAge Center,  
1005 “O” Street

### • Widowed Persons Service Meetings

WPS is a program sponsored  
by the Lincoln Area Agency

on Aging with support from  
AARP. The program is concerned  
about the newly  
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offers various  
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2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Open to  
widowed people of all ages.  
Call (402) 441-7028 for the  
current location.
- **Widower’s Breakfast**  
meets every Thursday at 8 a.m.  
at Stauffer’s Cafe, 5602 South  
48th St.
- **Widow’s Breakfast**  
meets the 3rd Thursday of each  
month at 9 a.m. at  
T & R’s Garden Restaurant,  
5250 Cornhusker Highway.
- **Widow’s Luncheon**  
meets the 1st Thursday of each  
month at 11:30 a.m., visiting  
a different restaurant monthly.  
Call (402) 441-7028 for the  
current location.
- **Just Pals**  
A social group for widowed  
persons, meets once monthly  
on a Saturday night, visiting a

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different restaurant monthly. Call (402) 441-7028 for the current location.

## EDUCATION EVENTS

### • Prime Time Open Art Studios:

“Drawing on Experience” with Julia Noyes

Did you know that older adults that participate in art activities are happier and healthier! If you are 60+ and interested in positive self expression through hands-on art experiences, then you are invited to the second session of the Prime Time Open Art Studios. Sessions will be held Fridays from 10 a.m. - 11:30am, May 5 through June 30, at the “F” Street Recreation Center, 1225 “F” Street. Discover your hidden creativity using a variety of mediums including charcoals, pastels, and colored pencils. Julia Noyes, local artist, educator, and gallery owner, will facilitate the classes. Includes art materials, transportation for those needing this service, and wellness assessments. No prior art experience or training is necessary; beginning and experienced artists are welcome. Lincoln Parks & Recreation, LAAA’s Lifetime Health, and the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing are working together for the Prime Time Open Art Studios Project. Made possible by a grant from the Johnson and Johnson Society for the Arts in Health Care. Free for people who are 60+. Call the Lifetime Health Program at (402) 441-7575 or “F” Street Recreation Center at (402) 441-7951 for more information or your reservation.

### • Looking for Love in All the Latest Places

These are no longer the days of the “horse and carriage,” it is now all about technology! Learn about on-line dating, speed dating, and local singles groups. Wednesday, April 5, 2pm, in the second floor classroom at the Downtown ActivAge Center, 1005 “O” Street. Call (402) 441-7158 for reservations.

### • Calligraphy Class

Plans are being made for a class in April or May. Call (402) 441-7158 for more information.

### • Bridge Classes

Keep playing! More multi-week classes with instructor, Bruce Burns. Designed for the beginning beginner to the seasoned player. Classes are held at Savannah Pines and Brentwood Estates. Call (402) 441-7158 for information and reservations. Prior to class attendance, cost is \$20-\$25.

### • Computers for Seniors

Learn to use a computer in a friendly, fun

environment. Learn about the keyboard, monitor, mouse, etc. and the basic elements of the Windows operating system; how to identify software (programs) loaded on your computer; a brief introduction on how to use the computer for letter writing with enhanced color, special fonts, pictures and more. Learn the basic elements of the Internet, (we will “surf the web”) and E-mail. This class provides time for in-class hands-on practice and one-on-one assistance from the instructor to ensure you acquire basic computer skills. It is strongly recommended that participants have a computer at home on which to practice. Students should bring a pen drive or flash drive if they want to save files. Classes are held at the GOAL Computer Lab, located on the second floor of the Downtown ActivAge Center, 1005 “O” Street. Register by calling the GOAL Computer Lab at (402) 441-7506. Price is \$96. Checks are payable to “Lincoln Area Agency on Aging” with a notation in the memo stating “Computer Classes” and which class (example: June 5-28). The check is sent to:

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Classes are:

- **June 5-28** Mondays and Wednesdays  
12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Downtown
- **June 6-29** Tuesdays and Thursdays  
12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Downtown

## HEALTH PROMOTION EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, to register or for more information call the Lifetime Health Program at (402) 441-7575.

### • National Senior Health

**& Fitness Day Luncheon:** May 31

“Creativity and Aging” presented by  
Dr. Gene Cohen

“The Golden Years” are being redefined. People in the second half of life are now the fastest growing segment of the population and they are no longer content to simply accept the losses of aging. The potential and prevalence of creativity in the second half of life are impressive. New understanding of positive brain changes and psychological growth with

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positive brain changes and psychological growth with aging result in important new internal climates for creative expression in mid and later life. The underlying mechanisms that promote creativity with aging will be discussed along with the different forms that creativity takes in the second half of life. The presenter is Dr. Gene Cohen, M.D., Ph.D., director of the Center on Aging, Health and Humanities at George Washington University, where he also holds the positions of professor of health care sciences and professor of psychiatry. He is a graduate of Harvard College and the Georgetown University School of Medicine and has a doctorate in Gerontology from The Union Institute. He is the first Editor in Chief of "The American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry" and author of more than 100 publications in the field of aging. His latest book "The Mature Mind: The Positive Power of the Aging Brain" draws on a wealth of scientific research and in depth interviews with older men and women to reveal how the mind continues to grow and flourish well into the second half of life. This event for National Senior Health & Fitness Day will be held Wednesday, May 31, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the East Campus Union of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Price is \$12, which includes the luncheon.

• **Senior Health Promotion Center**

The UNMC Colleges of Nursing and Dentistry, in cooperation with Lincoln Area Agency on Aging's Lifetime Health program, perform health and dental screenings at the Downtown ActivAge Center, 1005 "O" Street. No appointments needed for most services, walk-ins are encouraged. Dental screenings do require an appointment; please call (402) 441-6687. The Clinic is open from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., on almost every Tuesday and almost every Thursday.

• **Movement Matters Exercise & Fitness Classes**

Aerobic fitness for active older adults. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. or 11 a.m., at Auld Recreation Center, 3140 Sumner. A new eight-week session begins April 25. Can join at any time. After a summer hiatus, classes will resume in late August. Call (402) 219-7000 to register. Cost is \$40 for St. Elizabeth Advantage members or \$44 for nonmembers.

• **Stretch and Tone**

An easy and relaxing way to improve your flexibility and muscle tone. Most exercises are done sitting or standing near a chair. A great class for the beginning exerciser or person who hasn't been exercising for a while. Classes are Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.,

North Gate Estates, 2425 Folkways Blvd.

A new eight-week session begins April 25. Can join at any time. After a summer hiatus, classes will resume in late August. Cost is \$28.

• **Yoga Refresh and Renew Exercise & Fitness Classes**

Gentle yoga class includes relaxation. Classes are Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., at the Belmont ActivAge Center in the Belmont Recreation Center, 1234 Judson. New eight week sessions begin April 27 and June 22. Can join at any time. Cost is \$45.

• **Fitness 101**

This drop-in class is designed for the person new to exercise or the person who has not exercised regularly for some time. Stretch & tone and breathing & relaxation exercises will be done in or near a chair. Instructor will be Terri Swanson. Class meets Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m., Downtown ActivAge Center, 1005 "O" Street. Free.

• **Forever Strong Health Club**

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## ACTIVAGE CENTERS

Stop by the Centers for fun, social, recreational, health, or educational programs. Call the Center listed for more information and reservations.

- **April 5** - Spelling Bee; First United, (402) 441-7152
- **April 13** - Spelling Bee; Calvert, (402) 441-8483
- **April 21** - Volunteer Recognition with entertainment by "Broadway Bill" and Valentino's pizza for lunch (all welcome); Northeast, 441-7151
- **April 24** - Bone Density Scan; Calvert, (402) 441-8483
- **April 26, May 31, June 28** - Pet Therapy with "Murphy" the Havanese dog; First United, (402) 441-7152
- **August 17** - Indoor Dog Days Pizza Party; First United, (402) 441-7152

**Road Trip with the ActivAge Centers**

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- **April 19** - Day Out at Champions Fun Center for lunch and games: Belmont, 441-7990; Lake Street, 441-7157, or Northeast, 441-7151
- **May 10** - Sedalia, Missouri; Northeast, 441-7151
- **May 26** - Linoma Beach for lunch; First United, (402) 441-7152
- **July 7** - Wildlife Safari; First United, (402) 441-7152
- **September tba** - Brownville; First United, (402) 441-7152

## Older Americans' Month Special Desserts at the ActivAge Centers

Celebrate the rewards of active aging with a nutritious meal and these yummy treats at the ActivAge Centers. Please make meal reservations at least two days in advance by calling your closest Center or the main number, (402) 441-7158. Suggested contribution of \$2-\$4 for those 60 years and better or cost for those under 60. Van ride available. Enjoy!

- **Monday, May 1** German chocolate cake
- **Tuesday, May 9** Apple pie
- **Wednesday, May 17** Cheesecake with fruit topping
- **Thursday, May 25** Cherry pie
- **Friday, May 26** Strawberry shortcake

## DINNER & A SHOW SERIES

More exciting evenings of fabulous food and fantastic entertainment at the ActivAge Centers, Cotner Center Condominiums, or other locations. Co-sponsored with the Cotner Center Condominiums and Seniors Foundation. Reservations (and cancellations) must be made by 10 a.m. on the Tuesday before that week's event by calling (402) 441-7158. The meal is served at 5:30 p.m., with entertainment following. Price is \$5 for people over 60; and \$6 for people under 60 (except for 12/8). Van is an additional \$1 fee.

**April 20** -

The Retro Mantics; Cotner Center Condominiums, 1540 North Cotner (North 66th at Cotner and Holdrege)

**May 18** -

Picnic at Holmes Lake Park

**June 1** -

Barb Mager on the keyboard and the Shim Sham Dancers; Cotner Center Condominiums

**July 13** - tba;

Cotner Center Condominiums

## LEISURE EVENTS

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**April 4-5** - Israel Today

### • Open Computer Lab

A chance to practice your computer skills, check your e-mails, surf the net, or just do the basics! Feel free to ask questions as staff will be available. The Lab is open Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon at the GOAL Computer Center, located on the second floor of the Downtown ActivAge Center, 1005 "O" St. Free. Some charges may apply for printing. For more information on Open Lab or upcoming classes, call (402) 441-7506.

### • ActivAge All City Spelling Bee

Brush up your spelling skills because the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging ActivAge Centers are looking for spellers willing to compete in spelling bees scheduled before May 12! The winners will meet and compete at our All City Spelling Bee on Thursday, May 18, 2 p.m. at Auld Recreation Center, 3140 Sumner, off of Memorial Drive in Antelope Park. Think you've got what it takes? Then head to your neighborhood ActivAge Center and sign up now!

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and sign up now!

— **April 5:** First United, 2723 North 50th 441-7152

— **April 13:** Calvert,  
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**April 28 -**

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**May 13 -**

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**May 17 -**

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**June 23 -**

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“With more than a quarter of the population approaching their retirement years, the ActivAge Program enables older members of the community to continue their own personal growth and development, and continue to be involved in the community,” said Deb Peck, Administrator for the Community Activities and Services Division, Lincoln Area Agency on Aging.

Providing volunteers with the opportunity to give back to their community, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is involved with countless organizations throughout the county including TRIAD and Project HELP.

TRIAD provides effective crime prevention and educational programs. In an effort to reach out to the community, Project HELP provides companionship to home-bound older adults.

ActivAge Programs present older adults with a chance to explore new opportunities and interests. The programs offer a diverse selection of education programs that range from “Looking for Love in all the Latest Places” to digital photography.

“The classes, taught by knowledgeable instructors,



Ruby Caton utilizes the health and fitness equipment at the Downtown ActivAge Center to stay physically fit and healthy.

provide participants with an excellent opportunity to get together with individuals who share their same interests,” Peck said.

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*Mom and Dad's place  
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# Continuing personal growth, development

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ActivAge Centers also provide a variety of valuable health and wellness classes helping individuals design their own exercise and nutrition programs.

“The exercise services provided by the ActivAge Centers are very beneficial to individuals like myself,” said Ruby Caton. “I recently underwent hip surgery and it has been very helpful during the rehabilitation process.”

The center offers a variety of free personal health and wellness services including blood pressure and blood

sugar testing.

“The services have been a real lifesaver,” she said.

Upcoming events are Prime Time Open Art Studio, “Drawing on Experience” with Julia Noyes from May 5 to June 30, and a Creativity and Aging presentation May 31 at the East Campus Union from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This program will focus on the new understanding of positive brain changes and psychological growth. The price is \$12 and luncheon reservations can be made by calling (402) 441-7575.

ActivAge Centers in Lincoln:

- Asian
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- ~ Prime Time supplement and Neighborhood Extra in the Lincoln Journal Star
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Handymen in this program specialize in small jobs that are difficult to find contractors to complete. Projects such as cleaning gutters, yard work, electrical, carpentry, painting or plumbing. They do not perform large jobs such as remodeling or roofing.



Gerda Trei, homeowner, left, shows Melvin Bates, handyman, what the problem was with her light switch.

To utilize this service, a person must be 60 or older and own their home. The program includes 15 handymen with varying fields of expertise.

More than 600 people throughout Lancaster County currently use the service that has been provided for nearly 30 years.

A homeowner pays an hourly rate based on a sliding scale, depending on their income.

Melvin Bates, handyman, said he gains great satisfaction working

with this program.

"These people are not my clients or my customers," Bates said. "They are my friends."

Wayne McClaran, Program Coordinator, said this is an attitude among many of these handymen. They are retired and wanted to do something to help others, he said.

"We want to provide a service to help people for a reasonable price," McClaran said.

Gerda Trei, who has benefitted from Bates' service, said the program is "wonderful."

For more information about using the service or becoming a handyman for the program call 441-7030.

## Home remodeling projects make staying home a reality

Older adults continue to discover the benefits of technology and innovation in helping them maintain independence and stay in their own homes.

Whether its widening a shower stall and adding a seating bench in the

shower or making counters and entryways wheelchair accessible, many home remodeling options exist to assist people in realizing their ability to stay in their homes, said Jana Johnson, program specialist at Assistive Technology Partnership.

"It is possible," she said, noting some projects are small and others require a more intensive approach.

People call Assistive Technology Partnership office at (402) 471-0734 and then fill out a service and device application.

From there, ATP evaluates the funding options and lead people to the appropriate group to help meet their needs.

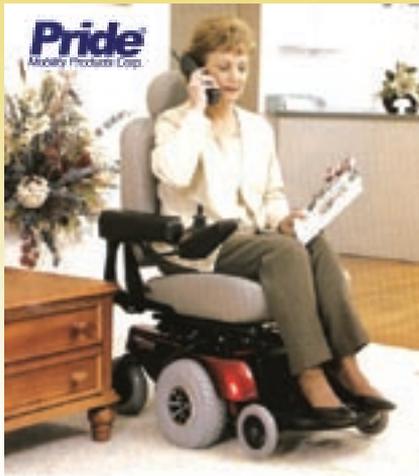


**Above:** A simple change like adding a ramp for uneven surfaces between rooms can make a big difference. **Below:** Around the toilet, bars are installed to help a person sit down and get up and a phone has been added on the wall next to the toilet.



The shower stall can be remodeled to be more open and have a bench added for ease of showering.





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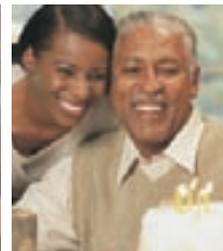
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# Filling vital role in county

As with many things, senior services in Fillmore County have gotten better with time. The significance of those programs to Fillmore County residents has expanded. Starting in 1983 as just two senior centers serving two communities, the senior programs have grown to provide services throughout the entire county to seniors and their families.

Fillmore County now boasts three senior centers and a countywide senior services program. Fairmont and Geneva's senior centers have been serving their communities since 1983, while the Exeter center has been operational since 1998. The Fillmore County Senior Services Program came into existence in 1988. Senior centers provide valuable services and seek to ensure that older persons have access to social, educational, recreational and nutritional opportunities that will help keep them independent. In addition to the meals that are delivered daily to home-bound individuals, two of the centers, Fairmont and Geneva, serve a nutritious dinner Monday through Friday. Besides providing a complete meal for those unable to prepare one for themselves, the home delivered meals provide daily contact by a volunteer from their community. In Geneva, senior center volunteers deliver approximately 25 meals a day and serve more than 1,100 meals a month at the Center.

"The meal program is an important service to our seniors and other members of our community," said Linda Heinisch, secretary for Geneva's Advisory Board. Homer Brauning, advisory board chair, agrees, and also said "our county's senior centers provide a bond between the individual and the community."

This partnership between the senior programs and community entities has grown during the years. In Geneva, the center has developed a relationship with the school. When the ninth-grade physical education instructor wanted to teach dancing, she ran in to difficulty with the class including eight boys and only one girl. The instructor contacted the Geneva Senior Center for dancing partners and now six senior volunteers are generously giving of their time to show these young men how to be "light on their feet."

Another jointly sponsored school/senior center program is the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America's "Adopt-a-Grandparent" program in which members of the Fillmore Central FCCLA organization visit seniors in the Geneva community twice a month. Just as significant is the unique relationship of the Geneva Senior Center with the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center, the juvenile treatment center located just outside Geneva. During the past year, several young women who have completed their education there and who qualify for work experience in the community have come to the Center daily to help in the kitchen. According to Linda Nunns, Geneva Senior Center Coordinator and Food Service Manager, "they have been a tremendous help to our meal pro-

gram and our hope is that working with the Center staff and seniors has been a positive experience they will be able to take with them when they leave YRTC."

The Exeter and Fairmont Senior Centers play equally important roles in their respective communities. In Fairmont, Center volunteers assist in preparing the town's monthly newsletter for distribution. The Exeter Senior Center's annual "Senior-to-Senior" breakfast, held at the Center each May, honoring both the Exeter/Milligan High School's graduating seniors and their grandparents, has become a "rite of passage" for the students in those communities – and an event that allows proud grandparents lasting memories.

At the county level, Fillmore County seniors and their families can find care management services, help with questions on Medicare, home delivered meals, Forever Fit exercise programs, Family Caregiver support, Friendly Visitor volunteers, and other services designed to help seniors remain independent and self-sufficient.

Also on the county level are examples of the senior program working closely with the community. One such county/community collaboration is the program's service coordination provided to Pioneer Manor, the nearby HUD apartment complex for seniors and disabled adults. Rhonda Stokebrand, Senior Services case manager, spends part of her work week assuring that the Pioneer Manor residents have access to case management assistance. Another example is Telecare, a joint project of Fillmore County Senior Services and two schools in the county – Exeter/Milligan and Fillmore Central (Fairmont/Geneva). Through the Telecare program, older persons are called daily by students from their local school to make sure the older person is doing fine. If the student is unable to contact the senior, they report this to the school office and someone is sent to check on the older person.

"The students take their responsibility seriously," said Nancy Kohler, Program Manager of the county Senior Services program. They benefit by developing their communication skills and having the opportunity to help out seniors in their community while the seniors benefit from having someone check in on them."

According to Kohler, who has worked with senior programs since their beginning, "I have had the opportunity to see how our senior centers and the county senior program have evolved, providing activities and services that have become vital to older persons and their families. The success of these programs can be attributed to the dedicated staff, Advisory Boards, volunteers, supportive elected officials and, of course, the support of community members throughout the county.

"Seniors can get a meal and a whole lot more – and that's what we hope helps make Fillmore County a good place for seniors to live."

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"We all know that physical activity is one of the most important things that we can do to stay healthy as we grow older," said Peggy Apthorpe, LAAA Lifetime Health Supervisor. "It's never too late to get started."

Lincoln In Motion was formed under the umbrella of the Health Partners Initiative. LIM committee members include representatives from hospitals, Lincoln Public Schools, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, LAAA, health clubs, parks and recreation and other organizations.

- The program mission includes:
- Encouraging individuals and communities to adopt healthy lifestyles through education.
  - Supporting public policy that fosters active living.
  - Promoting and developing community partnerships.
  - Encouraging social and environmental change to increase opportunities for physical activity.

Michael Heyl, public health educator and committee member, said efforts include supporting public policy to create quality pedestrian and bicycle paths. They look at ways to plan neighborhoods that encourage physical activity such as walking on trails.

Lincoln has been rated nationally as having one of the top 10 trail systems.

"We really are sitting on top of a jewel here," Heyl said, noting it is important to stay focused on maintaining it and making it better.

About 30 years ago, 85 percent of children walked or rode a bicycle to school and 15 percent received rides.

Today, that number has been switched with most children getting a ride in a car.

LIM does not organize programs for physical activity, Heyl said. They support them though.

More than 52 physical activity programs are available throughout Lincoln, some of them at no cost.

"We recognize there are a lot of good programs in town," Heyl said. "Our effort is to promote those and make people aware of them."

They want to make active living a part of the daily life and culture in Lincoln, Heyl said. For more information about LIM, a Web site has been developed at [www.lincolnmotion.org](http://www.lincolnmotion.org).

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